(c) In most of the Group 'A' cadres, review has been carried out and finalised. Cadre reviews in a few Non-Gazetted cadres have also been finalised recently. In order to expedite cadre reviews in other cases, it has now been decided to delink the 10 per cent economy cut in posts from the cadre review. Cadre authorities have been advised to process the review proposals independent of the 10 per cent cut and submit recommendations in this regard.

Import of pistols and revolvers

6970. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the makes of various pistols, revolvers and rfles which were imported from other countries during the last three years;

(b) what is their total value and the names of countries from which these were imported; and

(c) what is the portion of their indigenous production and what are the impediments in their indigenous production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) In the last three years there has been no import of revolvers and pistols. Some very limited quantities of a certain highly specialised category of sniper rifles, were imported from Russia. This being a limited, one time, requirement, indigenisation was not considered cost effective.

Temporary capping of Agni missile plan

6971. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH;
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agni missile plan is being temporarily capped;

(b) if so, what are the reasons and compulsions therefor;

(c) how many times missiles has been successfully test launched;

(d) how many more tests are needed before it can be considered for deployment; and

(e) to what extent this capping will adversely affect the missile development programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Agni is not a missile system but only a technology demonstration vehicle to establish manoeuvrable trajectory, re-entry and guidance technologies. With the third successful flight test carried out on 19 Feb., 94. Agni project has been successfully completed.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) AGNI — vehicle has been launched three times. First and third launches successfully met the mission requirements, whereas second launch was only partially successful.

(d) Technology demonstrator project Agni did not envisage development of missile for deployment as a weapon system.

(e) Does not arise, as there has been no capping.

Live bombs detected at Tughlakabad and Pali

6972. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 285 live bomb and 90 live bombs were detected from the containers received from abroad at the dry port at Tughlakabad and from the Army bunkers in Pali, respectively;

(b) if so, what are the facts in respect of each of the aforesaid incidents;

(c) whether the incidents resulted in any loss of life and if so, what are the details;